



# Press release

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## GCH secures second injunction in ASB case

Gloucester City Homes has been awarded a second injunction in the case of two warring tenants residing in Columbia Close, Kingsholm. The action against both tenants followed a barrage of abusive incidents that caused alarm and distress to the community and made the lives of other residents in the block a misery.

Previously Gloucester City Homes had taken an injunction against Paul Rogers following an ongoing dispute with Mr Dumoitier.

On 9th December 2009 Gloucester City Homes applied to Gloucestershire County Court for an anti-social behaviour injunction against Mr Dumoitier. His Honour District Judge Singleton granted the two-year anti-social behaviour injunction prohibiting Mr Dumoitier from being abusive or causing any further alarm and distress to his neighbours.

The dispute between these two neighbours has been ongoing on for approximately 18 months, and despite interventions by Gloucester City Homes, Gloucester Police and Gloucester Anti-social Behaviour Reduction Unit could not be resolved amicably. As a result legal action had to be taken to allow the community to live peacefully.

Anti-social Behaviour Manager Victoria King-Lowe said: "I am pleased with this result as the residents of Columbia Close deserve some respite from their warring neighbours. I hope that the granting of these injunctions will help both neighbours live peacefully in their own homes.

Gloucester City Homes is committed to tackling anti-social behaviour and will do so swiftly and effectively with their multi-agency partners."

Ashley Green Gloucester City Homes Chief Executive said: "I am delighted with the granting of these two injunctions. This demonstrates our commitment to resolving anti-social behaviour effectively and that we are able to use enforcement action when non-legal remedies are unsuccessful to put an end to this type of behaviour that blights the lives of so many people. I commented a few weeks ago to the Citizen on the first of these two injunctions and this further action demonstrates our commitment to sorting this issue out for all of our tenants in Kingsholm."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Gloucester City Homes** is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers' homes to the Decent Homes Standard. Since Gloucester City Homes was created in 2005 it has:

- Achieved a 2\* rating (Good service) from the Audit Commission in June 2007
- Secured £39.6 million in Decent Homes funding to meet the Government's Decent Homes standard and completed improvements to over 1200 homes in the City.
- Become the first housing provider in the County to achieve a Gold standard for its supporting people services
- Achieved Investors in People Accreditation for performance management of our staff
- Achieved ISO 9001 for Quality Management systems, re-accredited again in September 2009 following re-inspection
- Achieved "managing for others" status with the Housing Corporation
- Achieved Investment Partner status with the Housing Corporation
- Implemented a programme of training for staff to achieve the Institute of Customer Service Awards
- Achieved the Customer Services Excellence Award in April 2009 and Special Recognition Award in October 2009
- Achieved the Equalities Framework Award April 2009